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IZVESTIYA PRINTS FINAL INSTALLMENT OF TOLKUNOV MIDEAST ARTICLE

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(TEXT) MOSCOW JULY 31 TASS--THE SOVIET UNION HAS BELIEVED AND IS BELIEVING YET IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AS THE BASIC TOOL TO BRING SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. SO THE CONFERENCE MUST RESUME THE FULL RANGE OF ITS EFFORT, IN OTHER WORDS, TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON, AND LOOK FOR WAY TO RESOLVE ALL ASPECTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE SHOULD TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH ITS OTHER MEMBERS. ALL FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED NOW FOR THE WORK OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND IT IS DANGEROUS TO PUT AWAY INTO A FARTHER DRAWER THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS ON THE AGENDA NOW.

TODAY'S IZVESTIYA ISSUE CARRIES LEV TOLKUNOV'S THIRD AND LAST CONTRIBUTION COVERING HIS RECENT TOUR OF MID-EASTERN COUNTRIES. THE AUTHOR ELABORATES THE CAUSES OF INTER-ARAB CONTROVERSIES SAYING THAT IT IS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT INTER-ARAB CONTROVERSIES ARE CLOSELY WATCHED BY ISRAEL AND IMPERIALIST FORCES BOTH OF WHICH WILL BE ATTEMPTING TO FOMENT THEM FOR THEIR OWN BENEFIT. SO WHAT IS REQUIRED OF POLITICAL LEADERS OF ARAB STATES TODAY IS AN ABILITY TO SHOW SOBRIETY, SEE REAL DIFFERENCES AND WAYS TO OVERCOME THEM, RISE ABOVE SHORT-LIVED MOODS IN ORDER TO ADVOCATE ALL TOGETHER THE INTERESTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLES.

MY TOUR OF MID-EASTERN COUNTRIES HAS CONVINCED ME THAT PEKING'S INFLUENCE IN THESE STATES HAS FALLEN OFF, HE SAYS, AS A RESULT, FIRST OF ALL, OF TWO CONTRIBUTING FACTORS, NOTABLY THE CLEAR DETERMINED POLICY LINE THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HOLD ON THE MID-EASTERN SETTLEMENT, AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, ANYONE CANNOT FAIL TO SEE THE CHINESE LEADERS STRIVING TO NEVER LET THE MILITARY FLAMES IN THE MIDDLE EAST DIE AWAY BUT TO TRY AND KEEP THEM HIGH. MOREOVER, AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS PEKING'S STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE HAS SHOWN ITSELF WITH UTMOST CLARITY--TO INVOLVE IN THE CONFLICT IMMEDIATELY BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES AND THROW THEM AGAINST EACH OTHER. CHARACTERISTICALLY, IN THE DAYS OF THE OCTOBER WAR THE CHINESE DELEGATION TO THE U. N. DID NOT SUPPORT ANY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CEASEFIRE RESOLUTIONS. THEY KEPT TRUMPETING THAT BECAUSE THE FIRST TWO RESOLUTIONS WERE SUBMITTED JOINTLY BY THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES THEY REPRESENTED ALLEGEDLY NONE OTHER THAN THE COLLUSION OF THE TWO SUPER-POWERS. YET, WHEN RESOLUTION 340 WAS INTRODUCED BY EIGHT STATES THE CPR LIKEWISE DENIED IT ITS SUPPORT ON THE ALLEGATION THAT BY SO DOING PEKING WAS ONCE AGAIN ASSISTING THE CAUSE OF THE ARAB STATES WHILE IN REALITY THE SIMILAR ATTITUDE ENABLED THE AGGRESSOR TO GRAB NEW TERRITORIES AND IMPROVE THE POSITIONING OF ITS TROOPS.

FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN TO VEIL THE PROVOCATIONAL NATURE OF ITS POLICY DOES PEKING NEED EVER NEW SLANDEROUS FANCIES ABOUT THE SOVIET UNION. POLITICAL LEADERS IN MANY ARAB COUNTRIES UNDERSTAND WELL IN WHICH DIRECTION PEKING IS TRYING TO PUSH NOW THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY ARE ALSO AWARE OF THIS BEING AT ODDS WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS OF ARAB PEOPLES AND AIMING AT AN ENCOUNTER IN THE MOST EXPLOSION-HAZARDOUS AREA OF TWO GREAT POWERS--THE USSR AND THE USA--WITH ALL CONSEQUENCES THIS MAY ENTAIL.

AS HE MOVES ON TO DESCRIBE THE SITUATION IN ISRAEL LEV TOLKUNOV SAYS VOICES BEGAN TO BE HEARD AMONG THE ISRAELI POPULATION IN FAVOUR OF A LASTING AND STABLE PEACE WITH ITS ARAB NEIGHBOURS, POLICY CHANGE-OF-FRONT AND A TURN FROM WAR TO COOPERATION. HOWEVER, THE VOICES ARE WEAK YET AND ON AND OFF JAMMED BY ZIONIST HOOPLA.

THERE IS A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONFRONTATION AS THE RIGHT-WING FORCES ARE TRYING TO CONFINE IT TO THE MAINSTREAM OF IDENTIFYING THE SO-CALLED GUILTY PERSONS BEHIND ISRAEL'S SETBACKS IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE OCTOBER WAR. THIS IS THE PIVOT OF DISCUSSIONS, PAST AND PRESENT, RESHUFFLES IN THE GOVERNMENT, RISES AND FALLS OF INDIVIDUAL LEADERS. YET ANYONE CAN EASILY DETECT BEHIND ALL OF THESE DELIBERATE POLITIKING SEEKING TO PREVENT THE ISRAELI PEOPLE FROM GAINING AN IN-DEPTH CONCEPTION OF HOW THINGS STAND IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND SEE IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE TEL AVIV'S POLICY MISCALCULATIONS.

AS EVER BEFORE, ISRAEL IS BUILDING UP ITS MILITARY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. AT THE MOMENT, IT HAS AN INTENT TO MODERNIZE BROADLY ARMED FORCES, CHIEFLY THE AIRFORCE. IT IS NO SECRET THAT TEL AVIV RELIES ON THE ASSISTANCE OF WESTERN COUNTRIES TO SPEED UP ITS CRASH NUCLEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMME WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. OF COURSE, IN THE FACE OF THE MID-EASTERN CRISIS IT COULD ALL BUT AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION AND LEAD TO RATHER GRAVE CONSEQUENCES.

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